

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Sweet Gum
Liquidambar styraciflua

The leaves of the sweet gum are palmately lobed, 6 in (15 cm) long and wide, with five or seven taper-pointed finely toothed lobes.

The leaves are glossy green above and turn orange, red, and even purple in the fall. The bark is gray-brown, deeply furrowed, with narrow ridges. In wet climates lichens often colonize the sweet gum's bark, but do not affect its health. The yellow-green flowers are very small, without petals and in rounded heads, and appear in the late spring as leaves emerge. The fruit is similarly borne in rounded clusters and usually persists through the summer. Although the leaf shape is similar to that of maple the sweet gum can easily be distinguished by its alternate branching pattern.

—Courtesy of Allen J. Coombes



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

Well, February is here and April is right around the corner, and you know what that means, Arbor Day is almost here. In the next couple of months, you will be hearing lots about neat and interesting things going on, and we will do our best to keep you informed. With that said, let's jump right into the good information. -ed.

ArborLeaf and Seedling Order Forms

The Washington Arbor Day Council (WADC) is pleased to announce the release of the popular publication *ArborLeaf* featuring the innovative and informative "Tree to Seas: Journey of the Wild Salmon" board game. Inside you will also find a form for ordering seedlings for as low as \$9.50 per bundle of twenty, for evergreens. To receive *ArborLeaf* and order forms, visit the WADC website at www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/Arborday.htm or e-mail arborday@wadnr.gov or call (360) 902-1151.

A City Among the Trees is Available

A City Among the Trees is a 200-page workbook which integrates elements of urban forestry, comprehensive planning, and sustainability. It will prove to be a valuable resource for young and old citizens planning for trees and green spaces and will foster awareness and political support for future urban forestry management. This book is a must have for anyone interested in the wonderful world of urban and community forestry. Between its covers, you will find information on topics like: urban tree benefits, planning, tree selection, planting, tree care, street and park trees, natural areas, tree preservation, and a phenomenal resource guide. Copies can be purchased from Seattle Transportation for the bargain price of \$10.00. If you knew how good of a deal this is, you would order one right now. For more information, contact Liz Ellis at liz.ellis@ci.seattle.wa.us or (206) 684-5008.

Building With Trees

On March 29-31 the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) will be hosting a national conference on how to save trees during building and land development at the Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, Nebraska. This conference will highlight the process and techniques employed in development projects that successfully preserved tree resources. It will address important planning issues, as well as the latest in tree and landscape ordinances. You will also benefit from important scientific research that relates to your ability to retain trees during construction and to your ability to establish new trees following construction. NADF is sponsoring the event in cooperation with the National Association of Home Builders and the American Planning Association. For more information, contact NADF at (402) 474-5655.

Tacoma to Kick-off Arbor Month in Washington

In recognition of Washington's tree heritage and as part of Arbor Day activities around the state, the Washington State Historical Society (WSHS) is coordinating a major event, "Celebrating Washington's Trees," to be held on April 10, 1999, at the Washington State History Museum in downtown Tacoma. The event will be fun and educational for young and old alike and will center around the significance of trees to our past and to our future. Elements of the "Celebrating Washington's Trees" will include information booths, hands-on demonstrations, craft displays, musical and theatrical performances, public lectures, and giveaways. For information about attending or presenting, contact Garry Schalliol at the WSHS at (253) 798-5879.

Pesticide Recertification Training

Washington State University Cooperative Extension is coordinating a two-day training program at the Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH) in Seattle. The class will take place on March 4-5 at NHS Hall at CUH's Union Bay campus. The training program is good for 12 WSDA Pesticide Recertification Credits. Day one will cover: proper pesticide storage and disposal, tree diseases and insects, disease management, weed management, and elm bark beetles: DED vectors. Day two will cover: pollinator protection, insecticide timing, "soft" pesticides, pesticide health effects, FQPA, and calibration. The cost is \$45, or \$30 if registered before February 18. To get more information or to register, contact WSU by phone at (509) 335-2830 or by fax at (509) 335-2959. Registrations should not be sent to CUH.

In the works (continued)

The forest is a peculiar organism of unlimited kindness and benevolence . . . ; it provides protection to all beings, offering shade even to the axeman who destroys it.
- Gautama Buddha

TRIVIA: What is the highest single use of wood, worldwide? By what percentage?
(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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Trees, People, and the Law

On March 18 at CUH, "law of trees" expert Victor D. Merullo will be presenting a full-day workshop devoted exclusively to trees and the law. During this workshop, you will:

- ★ gain an understanding of statutory and common law concepts,
- ★ review case law as it relates to tree liabilities,
- ★ receive information on how the law works, law trends, and liability issues,
- ★ have the opportunity for discussion with others who share your concerns.

The workshop costs \$125, if registered before March 11. Registration information and forms can be obtained by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733, or by contacting NADF at (402) 474-5655.

National Tree Trust Seedlings for the Year 2000

If you would like to order seedlings for the year 2000 from the National Tree Trust, get your order forms now. Orders must be placed by May 31, 1999. The number to call is 1-800-846-8733.

1999 Urban Forestry Grants

The Washington DNR, with support from the USDA Forest Service, is proud to announce the availability of the 1999 Urban Forestry Grants. The total amount to be granted to any one project is \$7,500, with the grantee matching what they request. Deadline for applications is March 15, 1999. You can receive more information or an application by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733. Applications can also be downloaded from the web at <http://www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/urban.htm>.

U.S. Landscape Ordinances: An Annotated Reference Handbook written by Professor Buck Abbey, of Louisiana State University, examines in great detail special environmental municipal laws often called "green laws." This new type of law is America's newest planning tool and it effects the appearance of most modern American communities. The state-by-state presentation in the book demystifies complex planning laws and ordinances that determine landscape design parameters for more than 300 communities. The 438-page book is the result of ten years of research and is becoming the standard reference tool to define model ordinance language and the attendant technical vocabulary necessary so that lawyers, planners, landscape architects, urban foresters, consultants and others may draft laws nationwide. *U.S. Landscape Ordinances* is published by John Wiley & Sons of New York.

February

17-21 Northwest Flower and Garden Show. Washington State Convention Center, Seattle, WA.

25 TREEmendous Seattle Roundtable. CUH, Seattle, WA. 7 p.m. Director Mark Steelquist will discuss the upcoming year and Art Lee Jacobsen will preview his latest project, "Invasive Plants in Seattle, What Difference Does It Make?" For more information, contact TREEmendous Seattle at (206) 281-8415

March

2-3 Wood Waste Utilization National Conference. Arbor Day Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE. Tons of valuable wood resources are destroyed each year. Discover ways to minimize or eliminate the cost of managing wood waste. To register, call 1-888-448-7337.

18 Trees, People, and the Law. CUH, Seattle, WA. See above for details.

29-31 Building *With* Trees National Conference. Arbor Day Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE. See above for details.